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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

This is the initial agency decision on your April 2, 2019, request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State, in which you requested records on Kevin Smith and his agents.

The Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) received your FOIA request on April 9, 2019. Your FOIA request was assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request.

Please be advised that a requester must describe the records sought in sufficient detail to enable Department personnel to locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. The more specific the information the requester furnishes, the more likely that Department personnel will be able to locate responsive records if they exist. Your request does not reasonably describe the records sought, and the Department is unable to process the request as submitted.

If you are not satisfied with Department's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS), U.S. Department of State, State Annex 2 (SA-2), 515 22nd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100, or faxed to (202) 261-8571. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this initial agency decision letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact the FOIA Public Liaison, Kellie Robinson, via email to RobinsonKN@state.gov or by telephone at (202) 663-2222.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with the Department's determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer.

The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; facsimile: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric F. Stein".

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services